

Weekly Column for August 10, 2006

It's that time of year again. Time to go golfing with the Mayor. The 9th Annual Mayor's Cup will take place tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Frear Park Golf Course.

The format will be the same as the last few years, right down to my foursome not finishing near the top, though I do have a bit of an ace up my sleeve this year. More on that next year, should we finish a little better than the past few tournaments.

Each and every year the tournament seems to grow, with more and more people enjoying the fine golfing facilities that the revamped Frear Park has to offer. While I am not an avid golfer myself, it has been the goal of my administration to enhance one of our crown jewels in Frear Park, and we continue to do just that.

The cost of the tournament is \$75 and includes: greens fees, cart, continental breakfast, box lunch, beverages on the course, and a full post-tournament buffet. There will also be prizes given away to the winners of a closest to the pin challenge, longest drive, straightest drive, and another chance to win a brand-new GMC Canyon Pickup Truck with a hole in one.

This will be the third consecutive year the Mayor's Cup will benefit the Frear Park Conservancy, which is dedicated to the appearance and upkeep of the area surrounding the park.

It should be a great day for all involved, and it benefits a great cause, a group working hard to improve the area around the golf course.

I will be sure to update you next week, again, depending on how the final results look.

Last week we had a very exciting visit from four filmmakers visiting from Ireland. They are planning a film based on the life of James Connolly, who has a statue in Riverfront Park. The crew is contemplating several spots for shooting its scenes that take place in the United States, and we are holding out hope that Troy becomes the spot. I will be sure to keep everyone updated on that as well.

Have a wonderful weekend.